Google starts charging small businesses (as in with 10 employees or less) using Google Appseven if companies already making free use of the cloud applications can continue doing so.



Originally Google offered a free version of Google apps together with the "premium" subscription-based Google Apps for Business. Now it only offers the premium version.

The subscription (\$50 annually per user) includes phone support, 25GB of data storage and a 99.99% uptime guarantee.

Individuals, schools and universities can still use Google Apps for free.

Google Apps are just one of a number of cloud productivity suites available on the market. Similar offerings come from the likes of Microsoft, Intuit and Sage.

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